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SUBJECT  
FOIA Appeal - Arnold Beichman - Hoover Institution

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SUMMARY

**PURPOSE:** To provide a FOIA requester with a second set of VENONA translations in partial response to his appeal.

**BACKGROUND:** Mr. Arnold Beichman of the Hoover Institution submitted a FOIA request in December 1992 for "U.S. intercepted encoded Soviet messages...together with their decoded contents," specifically VENONA material originated during 1936-1947. All of the documents were denied in their entirety. Mr. Beichman appealed the decision in July 1993. Rona Lerner (N5P5) called Mr. Beichman in September 1994 to clarify that he seeks only the original Soviet messages and our translations. An interim response was sent to the requester on 31 May 1995 explaining that the documents were undergoing a declassification review. The first set of documents (49 translations) was sent to the Mr. Beichman on 10 July.

This second partial appeal response provides Mr. Beichman with copies of 259 Venona translations which are scheduled to be released to the public (the National Cryptologic Museum) on or about 12 October. It also explains his judicial review rights.

Deletions to the documents are made by NSA in accordance with (b)(1), (b)(3)/all statutes, and (b)(6) of the FOIA. For a detailed description of the rationale for withholding information, see tab (Redactions, 2nd Release) inside. In addition, a complete listing of the names withheld and released, along with an explanation, can be found inside at tab (Names).

We are also providing Mr. Beichman with a copy of the monograph that will accompany the public release. This is the second set of translations of over 2,000 translations which we anticipate releasing by July 1996. Mr. Beichman will receive copies concurrent with each public release. (b)(3)-P.L. 86-36

**RECOMMENDATION:** We recommend you sign the appeal response.

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**APPENDED DOCUMENTS CONTAIN  
CODEWORD MATERIAL**

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